

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 – Expedited Procedure

Serial No.: 09/757,354

Examiner: Christine Y. Ng

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5-8, 11-16, 19 and 20 remain in this application with claims 5 and 13 being independent claims. Claims 1-4, 9, 10, 17, 18, 21 and 22 have been canceled. Claims 5 and 13 have been amended.

In the outstanding office action, claims 10 and 18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Regarding claim 10, Applicants have amended independent claim 5 to substantially include the limitations of claim 10, including any intervening claims. Regarding claim 18, Applicants have amended independent claims 13 to substantially include the limitations of claim 18, including any intervening claims. Applicants therefore assert that claims 5 and 13, as presently amended are in condition for allowance.

Regarding claims 6-8, 11 and 12, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claims 5, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 5, Applicants assert that these claims are also patentable and in condition for allowance.

Regarding claims 14-16, 19 and 20, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claims 13, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 13, Applicants assert that these claims are also patentable and in condition for allowance.

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 – Expedited Procedure

Serial No.: 09/757,354

Examiner: Christine Y. Ng

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the claims as set forth in the Office Action, and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

ALCATEL

Craig A. Hoersten
Reg. No. 38,917

Alcatel
Intellectual Property Department
3400 W. Plano Parkway, M/S LEGL2
Plano, TX 75075
Phone: (972) 519-5143
Fax: (972) 477-9328

134025
Page 6